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1. SCHERTZ SIGNED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) ON RE-IMBURSEABLE TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR MINISTRY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON BEHALF USDA MARCH 19. MOU OUTLINED BY REF-TEL MODIFIED TO ACCOMMODATE GOI REGULATIONS RE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AND OBJECTION TO DESIGNATION OF ENGLISH AS CONTROLLING LANGUAGE ON INTERPRETATION OF AGREEMENT. ARTICLE XI HAS BEEN DELETED AND ARTICLE IX AMENDED TO SPECIFY DUTY FREE IMPORTATION AND REEXPORT OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND PRIVATE VEHICLE: EXEMPTION FROM LOCAL TAXES; AND ACCESS TO APO AND COMMISSARY. ABOVE POINTS AWAIT FORMAIL CLEARANCE MINISTRIES OF FINANCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MOU CONCLUDED CONCLUDED CONCURRENTLY WITH \$557,503 SUPPORT BUDGET. COPIES THESE DOCUMENTS AND LETTERS FROM MINISTER ROUHANI TO SECRETARY BUTZ BEING HANDCARRIED WASHINGTON BY SCHERTZ.

2. EMBASSY WELCOMES USDA- MINAGA UNDERSTANDING WHICH WE VIEW AS TANGIBLE AND UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE IRAN'S DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTIFY MARKET OPPORTUNITIES FOR U. S. AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE. WE ARE PROCEEDING UNDER ASSUMPTION USDA ADVISORS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO AMBASSADOR AND UNDER HIS JURISDICTION. THEY WILL OF COURSE HAVE OUR FULL SUPPORT.

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